

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims which are pending in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating a stroke comprising:

treating ginseng (*Panax ginseng* or *Panax quinquefolius*) with an acid solution selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, and acid from acid-containing food;

extracting an organic extract from the ginseng by utilizing an organic solvent;

subsequently fermenting the organic extract with lactic-acid bacteria *Bifidobacterium* KK-1 and *Bifidobacterium* KK-2;

subsequently isolating a pharmacologically active fraction or saponin compound from the fermented organic extract; and

subsequently drying the pharmacologically active fraction or saponin compound ~~organic extract~~ by lyophilization or spray drying, ~~wherein the organic extract is subsequently used for preventing or treating a stroke.~~

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ginseng comprises the root, stem, petal, leaf, fruit and tissue cultivates thereof.

3-17. (Canceled)

18. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said pharmacologically active fraction or saponin compound is selected from the group consisting of ginsenoside Rg3 and ginsenoside Rh2 and combination thereof.